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The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. SPEIER).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
February 22, 2010.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JACKIE SPEIER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: Lord of history, yet ever present to people of faith, we place our trust in You.

As we mark the birthday of George Washington, we are mindful of his words: "When you deliver a message, do it without passion and with discretion, however mean the person you do it to."

Lord, help children and adults, especially leaders and professional communicators in this country, to be discreet and discerning in the way they speak to others. Then perhaps some of the 110 rules of civility and decent behavior George jotted down for himself at the age of 14 may find fresh expression in us.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from New York (Mr. TONKO) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. TONKO led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

FEBRUARY 11, 2010.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, The Capitol, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on February 11, 2010 at 7:01 p.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 2917.

That the Senate agreed to S. Res. 413.

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H. Con. Res. 235.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bill was signed by the Speaker on Tuesday, February 9, 2010:

S. 2950, to extend the pilot program for volunteer groups to obtain criminal history background checks.

RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resigna-

tion from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 11, 2010.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives, The Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: This letter is to let you know that I have sent a letter to Hawaii Governor Linda Lingle informing her that I am resigning my position as the United States Representative for the First Congressional district of Hawaii effective February 28, 2010.

It has been my privilege to serve in the United States House of Representatives on behalf of the people of Hawaii for the past 19 years. And to have served with you, Madam Speaker, the first female Speaker of the House, is an honor. I owe you and all my Congressional colleagues a debt of gratitude for your leadership, dedication, and friendship. I look forward to working with you in the future.

During my tenure in Washington, DC I have seen partisan division grind our important work to a halt but I have also developed lasting relationships in pursuit of bi-partisan solutions on national defense, natural resources, and energy issues. In the coming months and years, I plan to bring the best of what I have learned in the U.S. Congress and from the Obama Administration's promise of hope and change back to the islands of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

NEIL ABERCROMBIE,
Member of Congress.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 11, 2010.

Hon. LINDA LINGLE,
Governor, Executive Chambers, Hawaii State Capitol, Honolulu, HI.

DEAR GOVERNOR LINGLE: This letter is intended to serve notice that I will be resigning my position as the United States Representative for the First Congressional District of Hawaii effective February 28, 2010. It has been a great privilege to serve the people of Hawaii in the U.S. House of Representatives for the past 19 years and I am grateful for their faith and trust.

I would like to thank my colleagues in the House, and more specifically, in the Hawaii Congressional Delegation for the honor of serving the people of our state and country

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